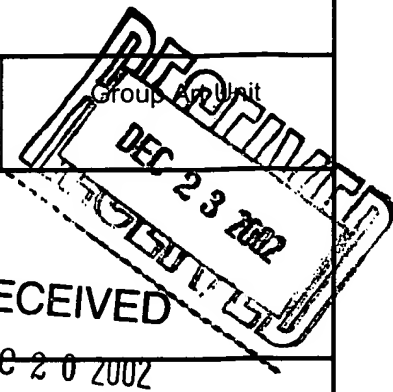
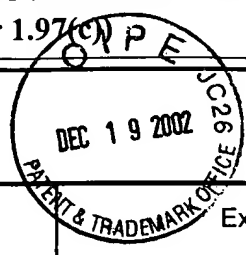


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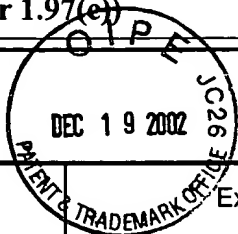
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
0 543 327	5-26-93	European
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EP 0 718 996	6-26-96	European

European EP 0 718 996 relates to a radio system for a synchronous digital hierarchy network which has STM-4 structured signals transmitted via 4 STM-1 structured signals obtained via a byte interleaved demultiplexer.

Applicant looks forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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